

BRITISH
TAKE A
TOWN

Officially Report Their Capture of Beaumont-Hamel and With It More Than 4,000 German Prisoners, Having Apparently Taken Defenders by Surprise

HARDER RESISTANCE
WAS MET AT SERRE

The Attack Was Carried Out Along a Five-Mile Front, and in Some Places the British Penetrated to a Distance of a Mile—Almost All the Objectives Were Seized

With important ground in a five-mile front already won from the Germans on the northern edge of the Somme region and across the Ancre brook in northern France, the British are fighting on in their new offensive. London officially confirms the capture of Beaumont-Hamel, one of the strongest points of the German defensive. British troops stormed this position and further south advanced to the edge of Beaumont-sur-Ancre.

Apparently the British are not relaxing their pressure now that they have succeeded in materially sharpening the salient in the German line by their advance up the Ancre valley, as London says the battle is continuing. Miramont on the Albert-Bapaume railway and ultimately Achiet-le-Grand, an important railway junction point north-west of Bapaume, seemingly are the British objectives.

On the eastern front in the Carpathians the Russians appear to be holding their own, Petrograd reporting the repulse of Austro-German attacks in this region.

London, Nov. 14.—The number of prisoners taken by the British in the fighting on the Ancre sector of the Somme front is now over 4,000, according to the official statement to-day. The capture of Beaumont-Hamel, reported unofficially, was announced in to-day's statement.

There had been no serious fighting in the Ancre sector since the opening of the British push on the first of July when the British line of attack extended five miles north of the Ancre to Gommecourt. But after a few days, no progress being made in this region, efforts were henceforth concentrated farther to the south. Apparently the Germans were taken by surprise and they offered no serious resistance except before Serre. The attack was carried out over a front extending five miles on both sides of the Ancre against positions which the Germans had held for two years and which they regarded as impregnable. The positions north of the river are described as of extraordinary strength. Beaumont-Hamel equalling Thiepval in the extent and security of its dug-outs.

This latest British advance in conjunction with that on the Schwaben-Lezars junction has threatened the envelopment of Miramont on the Albert-Arras railroad. From unofficial reports yesterday's attack appears to extend along a front of nearly 8,000 yards from the Grandcourt-Pozières road to a point considerably north of Beaumont-Hamel. In this area the British line of attack extended some points 2,000 yards and most of the British objectives have been gained.

A bulletin issued last night by the British headquarters in France reads: "We attacked this morning astride the Ancre and have succeeded in penetrating the German defenses on a front of nearly five miles. The strongly fortified village of St. Pierre division has fallen into our hands."

The attack was delivered before daybreak in a thick mist. Severe losses have been inflicted on the enemy; over 3,300 prisoners have passed through our collecting stations already and more are coming in. The fighting continues.

"The front which has been captured north of the Ancre consists of the German original front-line defenses of an exceptionally strong nature."

MADE STUBBORN DEFENSE.
But Germans Admit They Lost Positions on the Ancre.

Berlin, via London, Nov. 14.—The stubborn defense made by the Germans of the positions near the river Ancre which were attacked yesterday by the British caused the attackers to suffer important losses, the war office announced to-day. The capture by the British of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre Division, with the lateral connecting lines, is reported.

BREACHED FRONT LINE.
British Attack Carried Out on Five-Mile Front.

With the British armies in France, Nov. 14.—Attacking on a front of nearly five miles on both sides of the Ancre river in mist and darkness early yesterday morning, the British made a further breach in the original German front line.

They captured the strongly fortified village of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre division and gained new ground which already has reached a depth of more than a mile at one point. Two thousand prisoners already have been taken to the cages.

Severe fighting continues before Beaumont-sur-Ancre, on the north bank of the river and on the high ground about midway between Serre and Beaucourt, west of the road linking those villages. Notwithstanding the long prevailing bad weather with almost continued rains, the attacking troops made good progress in No Man's Land, the mud having partially dried in the last two days. They were not impeded seriously by the German machine guns.

The attack appears to have been a surprise to the Germans. South of the Ancre the British line swept northeast to the river bank opposite Beaucourt, cutting off the remaining fragment of the German position around St. Pierre division, while simultaneously Beaumont-Hamel was attacked from the opposite bank.

All positions of the Germans north of the Ancre were of exceptional strength, Beaumont-Hamel equalling Thiepval in the extent and security of its labyrinth of dugouts. The German engineers have been laboring constantly for more than two years to make the defenses of this important part impregnable. There was a profusion of connected machine gun redoubts, elaborate telephone and electric light system and a great cavern capable of sheltering companies of infantry.

The barrage fire accompanying the attack and the subsequent bombardment of the next line of works were described as the most terrific experienced by them on any front.

GERMANS TRY DRIVE
IN CHAMPAGNE
BUT ARE HALTED

French War Office Reports That the Attack West of Aubeville Last Night Was Put Down—South of the Somme Artillery Is Active.

Paris, Nov. 14.—A strong detachment made an attack last night west of Aubeville in Champagne. The war office announces the assault was checked by the French. South of the Somme in the vicinity of Pressoire there was active artillery fighting.

TO ASK GERMANY
TO END DEPORTATION

Rome Dispatches Say That Spain, the United States and the Vatican Will Approach the Government.

Paris, Nov. 14.—News dispatches from Rome say the Vatican and the governments of Spain and the United States have decided to approach jointly the German government with a view to putting a stop to the deportation of Belgians.

ALL OF CREW SAVED.
And Captain of Steamer Columbian Is a German Prisoner.

Corunna, Spain, via Paris, Nov. 14.—Capt. Frederick Curtis of the American steamer Columbian, who arrived here with the rescued crew of this steamship declared to a representative of the Associated Press yesterday he was a prisoner on board the German submarine U-49 for six days after the destruction of his vessel.

All of the 109 members of the Columbian's crew were saved, Captain Curtis said. Captain Curtis said the Columbian was warned before she was torpedoed and sunk by the crew of the U-49. The Columbian's crew was left in life boats, as the captain was taken on board the submarine.

Captains Curtis and Patterson, relating their experiences, said they were allowed at intervals, between the operations of the submarine, to go on deck to smoke. They were watched on deck by members of the crew armed with revolvers, but when they went below the crew put aside their weapons. There was only one chair in the cabin, which the captain used in turn, otherwise they had to lie on the bunks.

The submarine signalled the Swedish steamer Varing 13 miles off the Spanish port of Camarines toward noon of November 9. The steamer stopped and was ordered to take aboard the captain and land them. She was also ordered to take aboard the crews of the Columbian and Norwegian steamers. All were welcomed aboard the Varing.

As he did so, however, he caught a glimpse of her figure flying down the road. He stopped and awkwardly pointed the rifle at his own heart and fired. The bullet missed that organ by inches. The fleeing wife reached the house of Edgar F. Hill, where she telephoned to the police. Constables arriving a few minutes later found father and son dying on the ground within 20 yards of each other. They were hurried to the Memorial hospital in Worcester, but there is no hope for either of them.

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Holman A. Drew, for Many Years Sheriff of Coos County, Had a Shock Last Friday Morning.

Berlin, N. H., Nov. 14.—Holman A. Drew, for several terms sheriff of Coos County, and for nearly a year one of the custodians of Harry K. Thaw while the latter was in New Hampshire following his escape from Matteawan, died to-day at the age of 59. He had a shock last Friday morning.

Swedish folk in Barre are interested in an illustrated lecture on their native land which is to be given in Worthen hall Saturday evening. Rev. N. C. Edwall, pastor of the Swedish Baptist mission, will be the lecturer and a series of stereoscopic views of "the land of the midnight sun" will accompany his remarks.

PLAN FEDERAL
INQUIRY

Into the Alleged Misuse of Money in the Presidential Campaign

OFFICIALS ADMIT
PLANS UNDER WAY

Resolution, Authorizing an Investigation, to Be Submitted to Congress

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Senate investigation of alleged misuse of money in the presidential campaign was announced definitely to-day by administration officials. Preliminary plans have been made to prepare a resolution, providing the machinery for an inquiry, ready to be introduced soon after Congress convenes next month. This plan is to call those actually in charge of campaign finances before the Senate committee and investigate the details of their transactions.

Various reports concerning the use of money in certain states have come to Democratic as well as to Republican headquarters. Investigation into alleged attempts to colonize voters in Indiana and West Virginia particularly was begun several weeks before the election. Before the polls closed on Tuesday charges of corruption were being openly made by the Democratic chiefs, and predictions were freely circulated that exposures would follow the election.

Evidence is being gathered upon which to base contests in the election of Harry S. New and James E. Watson as senators from Indiana and Representative Howard Sutherland as senator in West Virginia. New on the face of the returns defeated majority leader Kern, and Watson won from Senator Taggart. Sutherland in West Virginia defeated Senator Chilton. It has been charged by the Democrats that negroes were colonized from the south in the states where the Republicans triumphed by small majorities.

SHOOTS TWO, THEN
KILLS HIMSELF

Dudley, Mass., Town Counsel, Suddenly Insane, Shoots Daughter-in-Law and Son.

Dudley, Mass., Nov. 14.—Frank E. Deon, town counsel, late collector and prominent citizen of this village for many years, went insane suddenly yesterday noon while in a cow-barn 40 feet from his house. He seized an old army rifle, shot his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Deon, through the heart, wounded his son, Robert, so seriously that he will die, and rushing from the shed sent a bullet into his own breast just below the heart. He will die.

The son said just before he was taken, with his father, to the Memorial hospital in Worcester:

"Father was crazy drunk." Robert, who is 22 years old, and his wife, 21, had just returned from covering a milk route in Worcester. The father met them at the farm door and immediately began to scold about something connected with the business. Both the son and wife replied:

"Don't talk to me, don't answer me back!" the father suddenly screamed, and running to the wall took down the rusty old rifle. His children made no attempt to get away, evidently not believing he would shoot.

The old man took deliberate aim and sent the first bullet squarely through his daughter-in-law's heart.

She dropped dead where she stood. Robert stood watching, horrified, too stunned to move, as the father again sighted along the barrel and put a bullet through the boy's lung.

Mrs. Deon, the man's wife, had looked from the window at the first shot and saw the woman fall. She ran as the second shot rang out. The father probably intended to shoot her also, for he rushed from the shed toward the house.

As he did so, however, he caught a glimpse of her figure flying down the road. He stopped and awkwardly pointed the rifle at his own heart and fired. The bullet missed that organ by inches. The fleeing wife reached the house of Edgar F. Hill, where she telephoned to the police. Constables arriving a few minutes later found father and son dying on the ground within 20 yards of each other. They were hurried to the Memorial hospital in Worcester, but there is no hope for either of them.

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CANADIAN MUNITIONS
MINISTER STEPS
OUT ON REQUEST

Things Have Not Been Going Well Between Sir Sam Hughes and the Home Government for a Long Time.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 14.—General Sir Sam Hughes has resigned as Canadian minister of militia and defense. His resignation was requested. He had held office since 1911.

The break between General Hughes and Premier Borden and other members of the Canadian government resulted from differences over questions of policy and details of administration. Since the beginning of the war there have been many such differences on questions of military management, but until recently, it is said, they have been adjusted generally by allowing Gen. Hughes to carry out his plans. Later the friction has increased and adjustments have grown more difficult. It is understood the premier and the cabinet have been growing more disposed to insist upon their own plans as against those of Gen. Hughes.

One of the points over which a difference arose was the supplying of the Canadian forces with the British army rifle, Gen. Hughes, it is reported, advocated instead the use of a Canadian weapon.

Some time ago Gen. Hughes returned from a three months' visit to England with a plan to have a Canadian war council organized in England with a deputy minister of militia at its head. The Canadian government, however, held that with more than 200,000 Canadian troops in the trenches in France or in training in England there should be an overseas minister of militia. Gen. Hughes opposed this, as it would greatly deprive him of authority.

When the government insisted upon its plan, it is reported, Gen. Hughes suggested that Sir Max Aitken should be appointed to the new post. Premier Borden, however, appointed Sir George Perley, although there is said to have been lack of harmony between him and Gen. Hughes. This took from Gen. Hughes control of a large part of the Canadian forces.

While he was in England Gen. Hughes, after investigating the Canadian army medical force, relieved Gen. Guy Carleton Jones of the command. The government replaced Gen. Jones.

Criticism by Gen. Hughes of action taken by British authorities both in regard to the handling of Canadian army supplies and of the Canadian forces, it is said, has been resented.

It has been stated that there was a lack of cordiality between Gen. Hughes and the Duke of Connaught, who has just left Canada, after a year's service as governor-general.

WANT LAW CHANGED.
So Vermont Will Not Be Gretna Green Any Longer.

Brattleboro, Nov. 14.—The Brattleboro Ministerial union in annual meeting yesterday voted to petition the representative from Brattleboro to use his influence to secure the passage of a law regulating marriage conformable to the laws of the neighboring states. Brattleboro has developed into a Gretna Green for hurried marriages by parties living in other states where five days' notice is required before the issuance of marriage licenses.

MONTPELIER
Stacy Clark, High School Football Player, Seriously Ill.

Stacy Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark, and prominent high school athlete, is seriously ill at his home as the result of an injury suffered in the Littleton, N. H., football game Saturday. He was kicked in the back during the game and congestion of the kidney has developed. He has a high temperature.

Hunters welcomed the snowfall of yesterday and last night with much joy and over a score of men left this morning by train and automobile for small towns and camps in the county to be in readiness for an early start to-morrow morning in search of deer.

Charles H. Thompson went this morning to Richmond, where he will spend a few days in connection with the construction work being done in that town.

Mrs. Angeline Gonyea, an inmate of the city jail, celebrating to-day what is generally believed to be her 100th birthday anniversary. She was born in Canada, but with her husband resided in Montpelier on upper Main street for many years. When Mr. Gonyea died about 20 years ago she removed to the city farm. The caretaker's family gave a little party in her honor to-day. She is extremely active for a person of such advanced age and is able to go about the house without assistance. She has three children living. Mrs. Fisk of Roxbury, Mrs. Julia Boardman and George Gonyea of Northfield and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rev. J. P. Long, rector of St. Augustine's church, has received word of the arrival of Rev. Thomas McCarthy, assistant rector, at Rochester, Minn., but in such a weak condition that the operation to be performed at the Mayo Bros' hospital has been postponed for a few days. Rev. Fr. McCarthy left for the western city last Saturday evening, accompanied by Dr. Carey and a nurse. He had been at Heaton hospital for several weeks.

Mrs. Joseph A. DeBor and little granddaughter left this forenoon for Albany, N. Y., where her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Field, is recovering from an operation performed several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott of Liberty street left this forenoon for Waitsfield, where they will spend the remainder of the week and Thomas Sibley and Bailey Sawyer, three Barre young men, were arrested in that city yesterday by Chief of Police Samuel Sinclair on warrants issued by Grand Juror A. C. Theriault on charge of defacing the interior walls of the city hall. Chief Connolly brought the three boys to Montpelier yesterday afternoon and all entered pleas of guilty when arraigned before Judge E. M. Harvey. In each case a fine of \$5 and costs of \$7.25 was inflicted.

Mrs. Harold Tierney left yesterday for Hartford, Conn., to join her husband, who is employed on the New Haven road as brakeman. He was formerly employed on the Central Vermont.

PREPARES
FOR BIG CROWD

Montpelier Is in Gala Attire in Honor of New England Fruit Show

HAS MORE ENTRIES
THAN BOSTON SHOW

Every State in New England Expected to Be Represented

Despite the heavy fall of snow which may discourage motorists who had planned to make the trip to Montpelier by machine that city is preparing for a large number of visitors from throughout the New England states during the week, the New England fruit show and 20th annual gathering of the Vermont State Horticultural society, which opens this evening in the city hall, being the attraction.

Decorators were busy yesterday and to-day and the exterior of the municipal building presented an attractive and unusual appearance with vari-colored bunting hung from the tower and windows.

Every New England state will be represented with exhibits and every bit of available space has been taken, there being more entries made than a year ago when the show was held in the Mechanics building, Boston.

The holding of the New England Fruit show in Montpelier was made possible by the efforts of the Montpelier board of trade, an active organization, together with the liberality of the citizens of the city.

With many fruit-growing localities in every state of New England represented it is anticipated that a large number of out-of-state visitors will be present during the week. The railroads of Vermont have made reduced rates for the week and state visitors to the show are anticipated by the thousands. The men in charge of the exhibits report that every available foot of space in the large auditorium will be occupied.

A program of addresses on important subjects relating to fruit growing has been arranged by the Vermont Historical society. Men familiar with the themes on which they have been invited to speak are on the program, several of whom fill important official positions outside of Vermont. Hon. Wilfred Wheeler, secretary of the Massachusetts state board of agriculture, will speak this evening on the subject, "Marketing Horticultural Products." Wednesday morning Dr. J. K. Shaw of the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst, will speak on the subject, "Varieties of Apples." In the afternoon of Wednesday Prof. W. T. Macoun, dominion horticulturist, Ottawa, Canada, will speak on "Some Aspects of Fruit Growing in Canada," and Prof. U. P. Hedrick of the New York experiment station at Geneva has for his subject, "Profits in Apple Growing." In the evening Prof. J. E. Gourley of the New Hampshire experiment station at Durham will talk on "Grass Mulch."

Thursday afternoon Dr. J. K. Shaw will deliver a second address, the theme being, "The Future of the New England Apple Growers." He will be followed by C. J. Brand, chief of the bureau of markets and rural organizations, United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., who will speak on "What the Government is doing to Promote Market Conditions."

The remainder of the program for the four days of the event includes several men and women of prominence in their chosen lines in Vermont.

When the show opens this evening the city will have been given gala attire and with the music to be provided during the week the occasion is sure to prove one of festivity as well as of instructive.

WAITED NOT FOR PARENTS.
St. Johnsbury Couple Got Married and Then Sought Parental Blessing.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 14.—Miss Kathleen Cox, a senior in the commercial department at St. Johnsbury academy last week, is now Mrs. Roy Green. The marriage took place Sunday at St. Aloysius' church. After the ceremony the couple went first to the groom's home and then to the bride's home, where the parents were acquainted with the facts.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of 107 Eastern avenue and Mr. Green has been residing on the home of his parents on Lafayette street. The young couple have been acquainted for some time and at last decided to wind things up suddenly, as the subject had been broached to the parents and they did not seem to favor a wedding at the present time.

The necessary papers were secured a few days before from the town clerk and the marriage banns were published at the 8 o'clock service at St. Aloysius' church Sunday morning. The wedding ceremony was performed following the 10:30 mass, at about 12 m., by Rev. Fr. Arthall of St. Michael's college, who was supplying in the absence of Rev. Fr. Dever.

The groom is employed by the Fairbanks company. The couple are making plans for taking a residence in town.

SAFE IN ENGLAND.
The Arrival Announced of Various Canadian Contingents.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—It was announced officially yesterday that the following troops have arrived safely in England: The 110th, 114th, 123d, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th and 128th Ontario battalions, 184th Manitoba battalion, 195th and 209th Saskatchewan battalions, 131st British Columbia battalion and 190th western universities battalion, together with drafts of the 152d Alberta battalion, army medical corps, engineers and naval ratings.

LOCOMOTIVES SIDESWIPED.
One Quite Badly Damaged But No One Was Injured.

Two Barre & Chelsea locomotives, the Granite City and the Monarch, sideswiped each other in the M. & W. R. freight yard just north of the Prospect street crossing early this afternoon and in consequence of the accident the Monarch, with a partially demolished cab, will probably be shelved for a time while repairs are being made. The Granite City was running light out of Burnham's meadow at 12:30 o'clock and the Monarch, recently returned from Millstone hill with two cars in its wake, had just crossed Prospect street and was swinging onto the main track when the crash came. It occurred near a switch and the rear end of the Granite City, which was bound south, came against the underpinning of the Monarch cab with considerable force.

Crews aboard each locomotive stuck to their posts and no one was injured. The Granite City escaped with a broken grab iron and a badly bent grab rail on the side of the cab which came in contact with the other locomotive. Both engines reversed the emergency brakes and the locomotives were stopped almost instantly. The Monarch, with the lee side of its cab stove in, began to leak steam. The Granite City remained near the freight station.

Just how the sideswiping happened to occur could not be explained readily. Each crew understood the other's signals and the crash came almost without warning. Local officials of the Barre & Chelsea road stated that Supt. A. A. Stebbins had been notified of the accident and that he would probably conduct a careful investigation upon his arrival in the city soon after 2 o'clock. Engineer William Rivait was in charge of the Monarch and Conductor James W. Kelly and Fireman Michael H. O'Neil completed his train crew. The Granite City was operated by Engineer A. P. Burnham with R. H. Brown as the conductor and L. F. Whittemore as the fireman.

MRS. ANNIE WILFORD.
Barre Woman Passed Away To-day After Three Weeks' Illness.

Mrs. Annie (Gordon) Wilford, wife of Paul Wilford, died at her home, 215 South Main street, this forenoon at 11 o'clock, the end following an illness of three weeks. Death was due to a general breakdown. The deceased is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. George More of Worcester, and by eight children, as follows: John Wilford of Plainfield, N. J., George Wilford of Barre, Mrs. Etta Van Rondo of Saranac Lake, N. Y., Mrs. Frank St. John of Williamstown, Mrs. Orville Bushey of South Barre, Mrs. Keith St. John of Barre, Mrs. Jennie Ethel of Barre and Mrs. Edward Vermer, also of this city. Three children are deceased.

Mrs. Wilford was born Annie Gordon in Champlain, N. Y., in January, 1862, and was nearing her 54th birthday. Her marriage to Mr. Wilford was celebrated in northern New York June 24, 1879. She had been a resident of Barre for the past nine years.

Arrangements for the funeral are held in abeyance pending the receipt of advice from her son, John, in Iowa. It is expected that the services will be held Saturday.

FUNERAL OF L. W. KEITH.
Was Held at His Home on Eastern Avenue Monday Morning.

The funeral of Levi W. Keith, for many years a resident of Barre, whose death occurred at his home on Eastern avenue Saturday morning, was held at the house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Reardon, pastor of the Universalist church, was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were: Clyde Perry, Arthur Batchelder, Nat Keith and Bert Stewart of Montpelier. Interment was made in the Keith family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

TALK OF THE TOWN
Henry P. Forsythe of Underhill arrived in the city this morning for a business visit of several days. Mr. Forsythe states that potato buyers are paying farmers in his section \$1.25 per bushel for tubers and provide transportation to the nearest station.

The juveniles of the L. A. A. O. H. E. were pleasantly entertained in K. of C. hall last evening by the ladies' auxiliary of the A. O. H. E. A lengthy program was carried out, consisting of both vocal and instrumental music, after which supper was served, which was much enjoyed.

The condition of Thomas Brady of Graniteville, who suffered severe injuries in an accident at the Pirie quarry last week, is reported to remain practically unchanged. Mr. Brady is a patient at the City hospital, whither he was removed on the day of the accident.

Mario Relli, who has been making his home with his son, M. Relli, Jr., for some time, left last night for New York, where he is to visit acquaintances for a few days before sailing for Italy, there to pass the winter at his former home on the slopes of the northern peninsula.

To-night the board of aldermen will gather for its first meeting of the month. Little is in sight but routine business, as most of the work in the several departments has been completed for the year and in another month the stewards will be at work on their annual reports to the voters.

Barre and Montpelier Knights of Columbus will meet in the capital this evening instead of Wednesday night for the second of their series in eribbage and pool. At present the Barre knights are leading in eribbage and much interest centers around the get-together at Montpelier this evening. Next week the Montpelier council will be entertained in Barre.

The winter of 1916-1917 promises to be a season of unusual activity in local bowling circles, as several teams are being formed with a fair prospect of organizing a league with the teams playing on both the Pearl street lanes and Merlo Bros' alleys. Moreover, bowling promoters have entered into active negotiations with teams in other cities and if a league to be composed of teams representing the larger centers of population in the state cannot be formed, at least an effort will be made to stage some interesting independent contests on the Barre lanes. Several practice matches have been arranged as a preliminary for tournaments that are to be started early in December.

WINTER TAKES
US UNAWARES

Jack Frost Brings a Foot of Real Snow Over Night

COLDER WEATHER
IS TO FOLLOW

The Very Old-Timers Back to October Year 184

A November day of wallowing in snow that measured ten inches in protected spots and an even foot in the open reminded old timers of the winter which began in the fall of October, 1848. Then, in the late days of the harvest moon, snow piled high over the fence tops and remained much in evidence until spring. Apples were left under trees and potatoes that made the home in mother earth through the winter retained much of their flavor in the spring. At dawn to-day it looked a good deal like '48 to the Old Timers' club and there were those of other generations who could not recall a time when snow was so deep in mid-November. Children hail it as a dispensation for their own particular benefit, but the farmer who has yet to finish his fall ploughing sees only a dreary waste of what on his fields.

Although the snow began to fall in earnest Monday afternoon, its presence on the well known earth caught most folks unawares at dawn to-day. There were hasty shifts from wagons to runners among people who have to be about each day with horses. Autos took to cover and very few travelers were abroad on pneumatic tires. The street department what was not to be caught napping and what with 10 and 11 inches of snow on the walks, the paths were pretty well ploughed out soon after daybreak. Those who are prone to lay their lesser grievances at the door of the street department must admit that the work was very commendably done.

Trainmen anticipated a minimum of delay in train service for the reason that the first snowfall seldom discommodates traffic on the steel rails. Nevertheless, the Green Mountain express, ploughing its way through a blizzardette from Woodsville, N. H., this morning, was a half-hour overdue and passengers aboard who surveyed the heavy fall along the "Wells River" division thanked their lucky stars that they were able to reach Barre at all. Jack Frost commanded the land forces to-day but promises to abide by the weather clerk's decision that cold weather will follow. So for the present, at least, the air lines will be opened to sunshine.

TALK OF THE TOWN
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Buzzi of Scamplin place yesterday.

Carl Sawyer left for Concord, N. H., to-day and will spend several days there on business.

Byron Manchester of Randolph visited his daughter, Mrs. D. M. Barclay of Franklin street, to-day.

James Levee, jr., commenced work as a bookkeeper in the Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co. this morning.

Albert Freeman, who has been visiting friends on South Main street during the past week, left for his home in Rutland last night.

F. H. Smith, who has been visiting friends at Goddard seminary during the past few days, left for Woodsville, N. H., this morning, there to stay a few days with relatives before returning to his home in Ashland, N. H.

Pedestrians who pass the G. Tomasi block and have had the misfortune to be pelted with peas from a bean-shooter by some occupant of the block are preparing to raid the premises and give the belligerent all that is coming to him.

Will all who have sewing or knitting for the first Barre sewing club for the allies please send it to Mrs. J. C. Morris, 6 Laurel street, on Nov. 18, or as soon after, as possible, as the finished work is almost ready to be shipped to the British war relief in Boston?

Jeff Melanson, the star underhand pitcher on the Italian A. C. last summer, gave the Barre friends the first inkling of his whereabouts a few days back when he dropped them an epistle from the Rangeley lake region in the northern Maine woods. Jeff writes that he is in a party of six who are laying for the big game and to date the members in this camp have been having some very good success. He will remain up in Maine for about three weeks longer, after which he will return to his home in Beverly, Mass., to stay until the Christmas recess, and then he will re-enter St. Anselm's college at Nashua, N. H., to complete his course, so as to enter Tufts dental college next fall.

What might be considered as a lucky accident occurred yesterday morning when Elwin L. Scott of this city, who was operating his Cadillac touring car, turned out to pass the Vermont Trucking & Sales Co. truck which is hauling gravel for the town of Brookfield, the accident occurring at the bow of the double bend in the highway near the Wheatley bridge in Williamstown gulf. As Mr. Scott steered his machine to pass the truck, he turned out on the west side of the road, so as to avoid any chance of running into the meadow on the other side of the highway, and the snow on the road made it slippery enough to cause the wheels to skid and run the front of the machine into the bank, tipping the car on its side. Mr. Scott was alone in the car and he jumped as he saw the automobile tipping, thus avoiding any injury. Immediately help was summoned from the Bennett garage and a sentry to the larger centers of population in the state cannot be formed, at least an effort will be made to stage some interesting independent contests on the Barre lanes. Several practice matches have been arranged as a preliminary for tournaments that are to be started early in December.